

IN THE CLAIMS

1. – 21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A projectile ~~sealing~~ arrangement including at least two projectiles coupled together by a frangible coupling to form a chain, ~~wherein:~~wherein each projectile has a head portion, a tail portion and a respective propellant charge, ~~the tail portion of the leading projectile and the head portion of the trailing projectile form a seal around the propellant charge of the leading projectile, and~~ wherein the frangible coupling includes a first retaining means disposed between on the tail portion of a the leading projectile engaged by a screw action with a second retaining means disposed on ~~and the head portion of a the trailing~~ projectile.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~A sealing~~An arrangement according to claim 22 wherein the tail portion of the leading projectile and the head portion of the trailing projectile form a seal around the propellant charge of the leading projectile ~~the seal includes contact between complementary surfaces on the leading and trailing projectiles.~~

24. (Currently Amended) ~~An A sealing~~ arrangement according to claim ~~22 or 23~~ wherein the seal includes an adhesive connection between the leading and trailing projectiles.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A sealing~~An arrangement according to claim ~~22, 23 or 24~~ wherein the first and second retaining means are threadably engaged ~~includes a threaded connection between the leading and trailing projectiles.~~

26. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 23 wherein the seal includes contact between complementary surfaces on the leading and trailing projectiles~~A sealing arrangement according to claim 22, 23 or 24 wherein the retaining means includes an adhesive connection between the leading and trailing projectile.~~

27. (Currently Amended) An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first and second retaining means include complementary spigot and socket~~A chain of projectiles including at least two projectiles coupled together by a frangible coupling, wherein each projectile has a head portion, a tail portion and a sealed propellant charge, and the coupling includes retaining means disposed between the tail portion of a leading projectile and the head portion of a trailing projectile.~~

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) ~~A chain as in claim 28 or 29~~ An arrangement as in claim 27 wherein the spigot means and socket means are provided on the trailing and leading projectiles respectively.

31. (Currently Amended) ~~A chain as in claim 28, 29 or 30~~ An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein either the spigot or the socket the first or second retaining means is frangible.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) ~~A chain as in at least one of the claims 27 to 32~~ An arrangement

as in claim 22 wherein the coupling is broken by combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

34. (Currently Amended) An arrangement as in claim 22 ~~A chain as in at least one of the claims 27 to 33~~ wherein the propellant charge is contained in the tail portion of the leading projectile and provides part of the first retaining means.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~A chain as in claim 34~~ An arrangement as in claim 22 wherein the first retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

36. – 40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A projectile for a chain of projectiles, having a head portion, a tail portion and a respective propellant charge, the tail portion having a first retaining means and the head portion having a second retaining means, wherein each of the first and second retaining means is able to engage corresponding retaining means on a trailing or leading projectile in a chain by a screw action to ~~the head and tail portions having sealing means that form respective propellant seals, and having retaining means that form respective frangible couplings, when joined together with a tail portion or a head portion of a leading or trailing projectile in the chain.~~

42. (Currently Amended) A projectile according to claim 41 wherein the first and second retaining means includes a socket and a spigot in the head portion and a socket in the tail ~~portion.~~

43. (Original) A projectile according to claim 42 wherein either the spigot or the socket is frangible.

44. (Currently Amended) A projectile according to ~~one of the claims 41 to 42~~claim 41 wherein the first and second retaining means ~~of adjacent projectiles are threaded together.~~

45. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in ~~one of the claims 41 to 44~~claim 41 wherein each coupling is frangible by virtue of combustion of the propellant charge in the leading projectile.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in claim 46 wherein the first retaining means includes a socket formed in the propellant charge.

48. (Currently Amended) A projectile as in claim 41 wherein the tail portion includes a sealing surface which forms a seal with the trailing projectile ~~one of the claims 41 to 47~~ wherein the sealing means includes a sealing surface on the tail portion that contacts a sealing surface on the head portion of a trailing projectile in the chain.

49. – 64. (Canceled)